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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

1. The reply filed on 12-05-2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

1) the reply failed to address the claim objections;

2) the reply failed to provide distinct reasons for the allowance of claim 1 over the applied references (note: objected claim 4 was entirely not incorporated into claim 1, and therefore the inclusion of a portion of claim 4 into claim 1 does not provide a distinct reason for the allowance of claim 1); and

3) new independent claims 33 and 42 were not addressed with respect to the applied references (note: the applicant indicates claims 33-40 are based on objected claim 17, however objected claim 17 subject matter is not present in new claims 33 or 42).

Per 37 CFR 1.111, the reply by the applicant or patent owner must be reduced to a writing which distinctly and specifically points out the supposed errors in the examiner's action and must reply to every ground of objection and rejection in the prior Office action. The reply must present arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims, including any newly presented claims, patentable over any applied references.

2. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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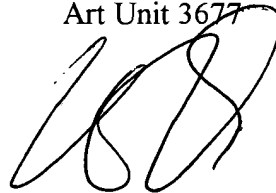
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William L. Miller whose telephone number is (571) 272-7068.

The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. J. Swann can be reached on (571) 272-7075. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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